

LOSSES ON THE BORDER'S VICTORY EXCERATED

No Evidence Has Been Furnished to Prove Western Horse a "Ringer," and Many Turfmen Say that He Is Not the Sprinter McNamara.

Concerning the winning of The Fidler at Westchester on Saturday there is a whole lot of smoke and very little fire. A pitiful wailing from the Western pool-room men was the first alarm given. Then followed the widest of stories to the effect that The Fidler was none other than McNamara, who had been run for three years at New Orleans last winter.

The yarns also embodied the alleged facts that long-haired men from Nevada came out of the woods to bet on The Fidler, and that they were the same men who had bet on Hiram Johnson when he won at New Orleans.

According to telegraphic reports, the losses of the Western pool-rooms footed up \$300,000. Divide this amount by six and it will be nearer the truth.

Didn't Look Like McNamara.

The Fidler or a horse alleged to be The Fidler was brought into the paddock at Westchester yesterday afternoon. Competent men said that he was not McNamara. They knew McNamara and he bore no resemblance to the horse then in the paddock. Other men who had seen The Fidler race in San Francisco said that if that was the horse they had seen then he had grown heavier, so that is the situation at date.

No one knows positively if The Fidler is the horse that raced in "Frisco" but half a dozen will swear he is not McNamara.

If the horse which won on Saturday is a "ringer," then he is the poorest ringer that has ever been sent to the post. When men are contemplating a bet with a "ringer" they make sure that there will be no mistake and that the "ringer" will greatly outclass his company.

The Fidler won by the shortest of noses. In fact Flora was coming so fast that the end that the judges could have decided her the winner and there would have been no kick.

Any "ringer" that can run to a head is not much account. Turfmen at Westchester seem to agree that The Fidler was simply an extensively touted good thing that was sent to the post, chock full of dope and just managed to win.

Stories Are Funny.

The stories of big losses in the West are laughed at. For instance, Harvey & Dapout, of San Francisco, are reported to have lost \$100,000. Californians who know these men say they

wouldn't take a chance of losing \$200 unless they had an ace in the hole. Big losses are reported from St. Louis. There are no pool-rooms there. Most of the money bet at Westchester was a commission of \$1,000 which O'Leary, of Chicago, wired on to Dave Mitchell, head of the racing bureau of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The fact that The Fidler opened at 20 to 1 and closed at 20 to 1 in the betting here is proof positive that no such sum as \$300,000 was won at Westchester. Not more than \$30,000 was taken out of the ring.

Eastern Officials Slow.

The whole thing, however, only serves to emphasize the laxity of the racing authorities in the East. Paddock Judge Hall said yesterday that no proof of identity was ever asked for if the parties were known.

Who trains The Fidler, has been around the Eastern tracks some years. At the same time if the racing officials are going to be so lax, then in case of a hullabaloo like that which has been caused by The Fidler, the officials could at once case all dissent by announcing that the horse had been identified. It is a wonder that "ringers" haven't been sneaked into Eastern races before now. Turfmen race horses pretty much as they please and a "ringer" now and then would live up matters.

The suggestion made in this column some time ago concerning the advisability of applying Mr. Cassidy's method of starting horses with a barrier was met by the concession from the stewards that something was necessary in case of accident at the start. Hence they went back to the advance flag.

To Avoid Accidents at Start.

The writer has no desire to boost Mr. Cassidy's barrier, or his starting methods, but it is to be presumed that the racing authorities in the East desire to avoid accidents at the start. Where a barrier is used that is faulty then steps should be taken to remedy the fault.

Yesterday one half of the barrier went up. The other half remained down, and the race was started. The barrier caught the tape caught the rider, lifted him from the saddle and then dropped him to the ground. The rider was not hurt, but the horse was caught at the end of a quarter. Luckily, she was not hurt, and running. The barrier was caught at the end of a quarter. She was a heavily-backed favorite.

New Method Is Simple.

It was fortunate that she won. It may be necessary to state that Mr. Cassidy's method of starting horses with a barrier is not new. It has been used for years and out of the way. Could there be a simpler or more effective safeguard than this?

Why the officials should consent to continue in the use of a barrier and go back to the old-fashioned method of recalling horses with an advance flag passes comprehension.

125 MILES AN HOUR TROLLEY'S RECORD

New High Figures Are Reached in Experiments Being Made on Marienfelde-Zossen Line in Germany.

BERLIN, Oct. 6.—An electric car on the Marienfelde-Zossen experimental line reached a speed of 125.4 miles an hour today, or a kilometer more than the highest previous record.

The machinery and roadbed were unimpaired. The engineers are determined to try for still higher speeds, and venture the opinion that they will be able to attain the rate of 150 miles an hour. The current was between 13,000 and 14,000 volts, capable of driving the car at the rate of over 200 miles. This power is reduced by transformers to about 450 volts.

The car, made to-day had four motors, having together about 1,100 horsepower. It was the car used in the previous tests this year and is constructed on the Siemens-Halske system. Another car of somewhat different equipment as to motors and transformers has been built for additional tests.

The lives of all on board the experimental car were insured. There were twelve to fourteen persons on board the car, all technical men. They affirm that the speed of the car was no greater than that of an ordinary express train.

CHICAGO RESULTS.

WORTH RACE-TRACK, CHICAGO.
Oct. 6.—The races run here this afternoon resulted as follows:
First Race—Five-eighths of a mile.—Won by Alma Dufour, 7 to 5 and 1 to 2; Cyprine, 8 to 5 for place, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
Second Race—One mile and ten yards.—Won by Damaged, 8 to 1 and 6 to 2; Cyprine, 8 to 5 for place, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
Third Race—One mile.—Won by My Gem, 7 to 5 and 1 to 2; Cyprine, 8 to 5 for place, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
Fourth Race—Five-eighths of a mile.—Won by Alma Dufour, 7 to 5 and 1 to 2; Cyprine, 8 to 5 for place, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
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Sixth Race—One mile.—Won by My Gem, 7 to 5 and 1 to 2; Cyprine, 8 to 5 for place, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
Seventh Race—Five-eighths of a mile.—Won by Alma Dufour, 7 to 5 and 1 to 2; Cyprine, 8 to 5 for place, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
Eighth Race—One mile and ten yards.—Won by Damaged, 8 to 1 and 6 to 2; Cyprine, 8 to 5 for place, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
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WINNERS AT ST. LOUIS.

FAIR GROUNDS RACE TRACK, ST. LOUIS. Oct. 6.—Following are the results of the races scheduled to be run here this afternoon:
First Race—One mile and seventy yards.—Won by The Four Hundred, 1 to 1 and 4 to 5; Mae Miller, 3 to 1, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
Second Race—Five and one-half furlongs.—Won by Luanay, 1 to 1 and 4 to 5; Silver Flash, 3 to 1, was second, and My Gem third. Time—1:45.45.
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ST. LOUIS GETS CATCHER O'CONNOR

In Return the New York Invaders Will Have the Services of First Baseman Anderson, Who Will Have a Trial.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 6.—Catcher Jack O'Connor, now on the suspended list of the New York American League team, has been traded to the St. Louis Browns for First Baseman John Anderson.

The deal has been closed by Manager Clark Griffith, of the Invaders, and Manager McAleer, of the Browns. Ban Johnson is probably the man, however, who engineered the deal.

O'Connor, it will be remembered, served the American League well in inducing Chesbro, Tannehill, Conroy and others to "jump" from Pittsburgh to the American League. O'Connor and Griffith, however, had a falling out, and when the King reported out for duty one day in St. Louis Griffith promptly suspended him. Griffith afterward refused to take O'Connor back, saying he could not play on the New York team in 1904. Griffith intends to give Anderson a chance to show what he can do at first base, and he may succeed.

McAleer has secured Jones, of Baltimore, to cover the initial lack for St. Louis.

MISS RHONA ADAIR PLAYS GREAT GOLF

British Champion Shows High-Class Form and Has No Trouble in Defeating Maud Adams, of Oakley, Mass.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.—The clubhouse and links of the Merion Golf Club presented an animated picture this morning and resembled a championship meeting more than an invitation tournament.

The occasion of the important gathering was the opening play of the Invitational Golf Tournament tendered by Mrs. C. A. Griscom to Miss Rhona Adair, the champion of England, Ireland and Scotland. Among those who were there to meet the British and pit their strength against hers were Mrs. Charles L. Stout, the 1901 and 1902 American champion; Miss Frances Griscom, the 1900 American champion; Miss Margaret Harvey, of Hamilton, champion of Canada; Miss Mabel G. Thompson, of St. Louis; Mrs. E. H. Barlow, Miss Ruth Underhill, and the Misses Spence, of England.

The first pair started a few minutes after 10 o'clock, and the course was scheduled to be off every five minutes. Miss Adair did not make an early appearance, and the course was scheduled to be off every five minutes.

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